

**Appointments:**

**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the re-appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Robin Cleveland, of Virginia, for a term expiring December 31, 2022. **Page S7555**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption that was originally declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-62) **Pages S7540-41**

**Atchley Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Charles Edward Atchley, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Pages S7524-33**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 271), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7524**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 17, 2020. **Page S7529**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 17, 2020. **Page S7562**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 268), Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Pages S7513-18**

By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 270), Joseph Dawson III, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Pages S7518-24**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 269), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7518**

Anna Maria Ruzinski, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Gregory Scott Tabor, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years. **Page S7533**

Irving Bailey, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation for a term of three years.

Deven J. Parekh, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation for a term of three years. **Pages S7533-34**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S7541-42**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S7543-44**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S7537-40**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7554-55**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S7555**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—271) **Pages S7517-18, S7525**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7562.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### UNITED STATES AND CHINA

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the United States and China, focusing on winning the economic competition, after receiving testimony from Representative Will Hurd; and Derek Scissors, American Enterprise Institute, Melanie Hart, Center for American Progress, and Roy Houseman, United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, all of Washington, D.C.

### THE ALZHEIMER'S CRISIS

**Committee on Finance:** Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the Alzheimer's crisis, focusing on testing and treatment pipelines and fiscal implications, after receiving testimony from Nikolay Dokholyan, Pennsylvania State College of Medicine, Hershey; Randall J. Bateman, Washington University School of Medicine Dominantly Inherited

Alzheimer's Network Trials Unit, St. Louis, Missouri; and Richard C. Mohs, Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation, and Maria Carrillo, Alzheimer's Association, both of Chicago, Illinois.

## 2020 ELECTION IRREGULARITIES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine irregularities in the 2020 election, after receiving testimony from Donald Palmer, Commissioner, Election Assistance Commission; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Representative Frank Ryan, Lebanon; James R. Troupis, Troupis Law Firm, Cross Plains, Wisconsin; Jesse Binnall, Harvey and Binnall, PLLC, Alexandria, Virginia; Chris Krebs, former Director of the Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Washington, D.C.; and Ken Starr, Waco, Texas.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Raul M.

Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## HONG KONG'S PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration concluded a hearing to examine supporting Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement through United States refugee policy, after receiving testimony from Senators Rubio and Menendez; Julian Ku, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York; Joey Siu, Hong Kong Watch; Samuel M. Chu, Hong Kong Democracy Council, Washington, D.C.; Nathan Law, former Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, London, United Kingdom; and Jenny Yang, World Relief, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of Refugee Council USA.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 8974–8995; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106; and H. Res. 1266 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5047, to require the Administrator of General Services to conduct an annual audit of properties leased to private parties, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–655);

H.R. 5013, to apply the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to small businesses to the same extent as such Act applies to consumers, to require the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to define “small business” for purposes of such Act, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–656);

Hijacking our Heroes: Exploiting Veterans Through Disinformation on Social Media (H. Rept. 116–657);

H.R. 3948, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to extend the provisions of that Act to cover a debt collector who is collecting debt owed to a State or local government, to index award amounts under such Act for inflation, to provide for

civil injunctive relief for violations of such Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–658); and

H.R. 3068. A bill to establish an offshore wind career training grant program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–659, Part 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McCollum to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the over 300,000 Americans who have passed away a result of the COVID–19 virus.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Homeless Veterans Coronavirus Response Act of 2020:* Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 7105, to provide flexibility for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in caring for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency; **Pages H7169–H7211**

*Transparency and Effective Accountability Measures for Veteran Caregivers Act:* S. 2216, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally